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To: Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Box Patent Application  
Washington, DC 20231

Transmitted herewith for filing is the UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) of:

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Title of invention HYDROGEN PRODUCTION METHOD

1. ☐ Cancel Claims: \_\_\_\_\_

☒ Filing Fee, calculated as follows:

CLAIMS AS FILED, LESS ANY CLAIMS CANCELLED BY AMENDMENT						
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Basic fee					710	101
Total claims	<u>20</u> - 20	<u>0</u>	x	18 =	<u>0</u>	103
Independent claims	<u>1</u> - 3	<u>0</u>	x	80 =	<u>0</u>	102
Multiple dependent claims(s) per Application (if applicable)			+	270 =	<u>0</u>	104
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, and credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 16-2440 (a **duplicate copy** of this Sheet is enclosed for this purpose):

- a. ☒ Filing Fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.16
- b. ☒ Processing Fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17
- c. ☐ Issue Fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.18
2. ☒ Specification Total Pages: 31
3. ☒ Informal ☐ Formal drawings Total Sheets: 5
4. a. ☐ New Declaration (Signed) \_\_\_\_\_ (Unsigned) \_\_\_\_\_  
b. ☐ Copy from a prior application (37 C.F.R. §1.63(d))  
i. DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)  
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application,  
see 37 C.F.R. §§1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
5. ☐ Incorporation By Reference (usable if Box 4b is checked)  
The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 4b, is considered to be part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

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6. ☐ Microfiche.  
7. ☐ Sequence Submission.  
8. ☐ An Assignment transmittal letter and document or ☐ Assignment in parent case was recorded \_\_\_\_\_ Reel, Frame(s) \_\_\_\_\_.  
9. ☐ A Power of Attorney executed by the ☐ Inventor(s), ☐ Assignee (with 37 C.F.R. 3.73(b) Statement).  
10. ☐ English Translation.  
11. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement.  
    ☒ A list of references (Form PTO-1449).  
    ☒ Copies of references.  
12. ☐ Preliminary Amendment.  
13. ☒ Postcards.  
14. ☐ Other (specify). \_\_\_\_\_

15. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line, the sentence:  
"This is a ☐ Continuation ☐ Division ☐ Continuation-in-Part of prior U.S. Application(s) No. \_\_\_\_\_ Filing Date: \_\_\_\_\_ and which in turn is a \_\_\_\_\_ of Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ Filing Date \_\_\_\_\_."

16. ☐ Prior application information: Examiner \_\_\_\_\_ Group Art Unit \_\_\_\_\_

17. Claim for Priority Under 35 U.S.C. 120:

- ☐ The benefit under 35 U.S.C. 120 is hereby claimed from the United States application(s) identified in Box 15 above.

18. Claim for Priority Under 35 U.S.C. 119:

- ☐ The benefit of priority under 35 U.S.C. 119 is hereby claimed from the following foreign application(s):

- ☐ Certified copy of Priority Document(s).

19. Please address all correspondence in connection with this application to Customer No. 27182 (label affixed below):

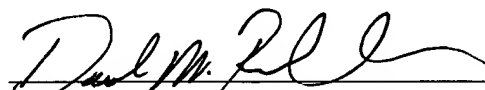


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